

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 4, lines 17 - 25, as follows:

The apparatus may further comprise a closing mechanism for closing the opening. The closing mechanism may be one of a slide seal Ziplock® arrangement, a fabric fastener or a zipper. If it is a zipper, a pocket for a zipper pull of the zipper may be provided, the pocket being sized, shaped and positioned so that when in the closed position, the zipper pull is hidden, the zipper will remain closed, and the zipper pull will not damage items outside the enclosure.

Please amend the paragraph on page 8, lines 16 - 28, as follows:

A zipper 24, having a zipper pull 26, is sewn to the periphery of panels 14 and 16 where panels 14 and 16 are not connected to panel 12. Zipper 24 is configured with meshing plastic teeth, as is well known in the art. Plastic teeth are used to avoid corrosion of the teeth when they are exposed to water and detergents during the washing process, and zipper pull 26 is preferably made of a plastic material as well. As shown in Fig. 4, an elastic pocket 28 is provided in which zipper pull 26 may be concealed when apparatus 12 is closed and contains a garment to be washed. Other closing arrangements such as a Ziplock® slide seal mechanism or a Velcro® fabric fastener may also be used to releasably secure the opening.